

WILMINGTON, NC AT A GLANCE

COMMUNITY FACT SHEET 2008



Introduction

Wilmington, located in New Hanover County, is a coastal town located in Southeastern North Carolina bordered by the Cape Fear River to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. This fact sheet provides general information about the City of Wilmington.

Government

(Greater Wilmington COC & www.wilmingtonnc.gov)

Incorporated	1739
Form of Government	Council-Manager
Elected body	7 members
Terms of Office.....	Mayor 2 years, Council 4 years - staggered terms
Election Format.....	At large

Population

(July 2008, NC State Demographer)

City of Wilmington	101,526
New Hanover County	192,235
North Carolina	9,227,016

Population Characteristics

(2008 American Community Survey (ACS), Census)

White	72.7%
Black	21.8%
Hispanic/Latino.....	3.7%
Other racial group	1.8%
Male.....	47.5%
Female	52.5%
Median Age	34.9

Land Area.....	49.29 square miles
Municipal Density.....	3.22 pop/acre

Average HH Size.....	2.12 persons
Mean Travel to Work Time.....	18.0 mins
Median Housing Value	\$231,000
Housing Stock	50,729 units
Housing Tenure.....	50.6% owner-occupied
.....	49.4% renter-occupied
.....	11.6% vacant

Property Tax Rates (per \$100 of assessed value)

(City of Wilmington Budget Department)

City (2009).....	0.3325
County (2009)	0.4525
Total	0.7850

Educational Attainment, 2008

(NC Department of Public Instruction & 2008 ACS, Census)

Less than 9th grade	3.6%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	10.1%
High school graduate (includes GED)	22.2%
Some college, no degree	21.0%
Associate's degree	7.5%
Bachelor's degree	24.5%
Graduate or professional degree	11.0%
NHC '07-'08 Drop-Out Rate	5.40%
NC '07-'08 Drop Out Rate.....	4.97%

Economic Data, 2008

(2008 ACS, Census)

Median HH Income	\$39,354
Unemployment Rate	4.2%

Vital Statistics, 2008

(NC State Center for Health Statistics)

NHC Births	2,494
NHC Deaths	1,561
NHC Divorce and Annulment Rate	4.5%

Occupational Data, 2008

(2008 ACS, Census)

Management, professional, and related	35.5%
Service	21.5%
Sales and office.....	25.2%
Farming, fishing, and forestry	<1%
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	8.4%
Production, transportation and material moving	9.3%

Construction Data, 2008

(New Hanover County Construction Report)

Value of New Construction (in thousands)	
New Residential	\$265,000
New Non-Residential	\$231,370

Reported Crimes, 2008

(FBI Uniform Crime Reports)

Reported Crimes are comprised of the 8 most occurring offenses, broken down into violent crime and property crime, presented as a % of total population affected by crime.

Violent Crime.....	0.77%
Property Crime	5.40%
Total Reported Crime.....	6.17%

Streets

(City of Wilmington Streets Division)

The City of Wilmington Streets Division maintains approximately 367 miles of roadways and 289 miles of sidewalks.

Parks

(City of Wilmington Parks & Landscape Division)

The City of Wilmington Parks & Landscape Division maintains approximately 530 acres of neighborhood and citywide parks and approximately 93 acres of landscape/greenways.

Police Department

(City of Wilmington Police Department)

Number of Sworn Officers (FY '08-'09)	255
Number of Service Calls (FY '08-'09).....	180,194

Wilmington International Airport (ILM)

(www.flyilm.com)

Enplanements (2008).....	409,281
Deplanements (2008)	405,221

Hospitals, 2009

(www.nhnh.org)

New Hanover Regional Medical Center

- Opened in 1967
- 628 Licensed Beds
- 437 Average Daily Census

Betty H. Cameron Women's & Children's Hospital

- Opened in 2008

Cape Fear Hospital

- Opened in 1957
- 133 Licensed Beds
- 50 Average Daily Census